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NEWS RELEASE

Richard K. Creamer, Leo Alberts and Derek Pitts were charged by indictment¹ in a drug conspiracy, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. The defendants are charged with conspiracy to manufacture 1,000 or more marijuana plants, manufacture of, and aiding and abetting the manufacture of 1,000 or more marijuana plants, manufacture of, and aiding and abetting the manufacture of 1,000 or more marijuana plants within 1,000 feet of a school, possession with intent to distribute, and aiding and abetting possession with intent to distribute 1,000 or more marijuana plants, and possession with intent to distribute, and aiding and abetting possession with intent to distribute 1,000 or more marijuana plants within 1,000 feet of a school. The charges in the indictment, filed on July 28, 2010 and unsealed today, arise out of the establishment and operation of a marijuana grow house inside a warehouse located at 2306 - 2310 N. American Street, in the Northern Liberties section of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In addition, Richard K. Creamer, a licensed attorney in Pennsylvania, is charged with unlawfully maintaining a place for the manufacture of a controlled substance, specifically, marijuana, at the 2306 - 2310 N. American Street warehouse.

According to the indictment, James Alberts, charged elsewhere, with the knowledge and consent of Richard K. Creamer, who was Alberts' partner in the purchase and refurbishing of the commercial warehouse, established and maintained a marijuana grow house operation inside the warehouse at 2306 - 2310 N. American Street, in order to manufacture marijuana for sale and distribution for profit. The indictment alleges that Alberts hired and paid Eric Mushrush and Charlene Daley, each charged elsewhere, to provide daily care, watering and cultivation of more than 1,000 marijuana plants regularly growing and under cultivation at the warehouse at 2306 - 2310 N. American Street. The indictment further states that Alberts established a marijuana plant growing and cultivation schedule at the warehouse under which, approximately every 30 days, between March 2009 and July 16, 2009, he directed workers that he hired and paid, including Eric Mushrush, Charlene Daley, Charles Silvani, Richard Roman, Kevin Kurowski, Chad Tellman, Nerissa Alberts, Daniel Smith, Joel Rodriguez, each also charged elsewhere, and defendants Leo Alberts and Derek Pitts, to conduct and carry out a harvest of all mature marijuana plants growing and under cultivation at the warehouse, in order to prepare multi-pound quantities of marijuana for sale and distribution in Philadelphia and elsewhere for profit. These workers, the indictment alleges, approximately 30 thirty days, appeared at, and gained entry to the warehouse in order to

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

carry out a harvest of all mature marijuana plants under cultivation at the warehouse, and to process and package the marijuana for sale and distribution. It is charged that Alberts then obtained the processed and packaged marijuana which he sold and distributed to other persons in pound and multi-pound quantities for profit. Richard K. Creamer, it is alleged, was a co-owner of the 2306 - 2310 N. American Street warehouse with James Alberts, and also received a large share of the monthly marijuana harvest, in kind, or in cash, after it had been sold and distributed by James Alberts.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	YEAR OF BIRTH
Richard K. Creamer	Philadelphia, PA	1972
Leo Alberts	Philadelphia, PA	1977
Derek Pitts	Morton, PA	1980

If convicted, the defendants face the following maximum penalties:

Richard K. Creamer- Life imprisonment, a mandatory minimum 10 year term of imprisonment, a multi-million dollar fine, 5 years supervised release up to lifetime supervised release.

Leo Alberts - Life imprisonment, a mandatory minimum 10 year prison term, a multi-million dollar fine, 5 years supervised release up to lifetime supervised release.

Derek Pitts - Life imprisonment, a mandatory minimum 10 year prison term, a multi-million dollar fine, 5 years supervised release up to lifetime supervised release.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”), and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph T. Labrum, III.

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